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Serial No.: 10/807,091	§ Examiner: Hoang C. Dang
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RETURN OF DRILLING FLUID FROM A SEALED MARINE RISER TO A FLOATING DRILLING RIG WHILE DRILLING	§ Docket No.: 65501.0050

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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
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